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"SUNNING" TRIAL.

Evidence of Former Prisoner.

CHASED BY WARSHIP.

Further evidence for the prosecution was called by the Crown Solicitor (Mr. H. K. Holmes) when the case against the 17 Chinese who, it is alleged, were implicated in the "Sunning" on Tuesday afternoon, a Chinese was brought before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Det. Sgt. Carey, prosecuting for the Police, asked for a remand in order that the Police might make further inquiries.

Mr. C. A. Russ, solicitor, defending, said that he did not object to a remand, but would apply for bail, which he was prepared to offer at any reasonable amount.

His Worship said that it was a case where care must be exercised, the offence being a serious one.

Mr. Russ: My defence is that this is a case of mistaken identity. I am prepared to offer substantial bail. I do not think that there are any Fagins or Professor Moriartys in Hong Kong who are prepared to supply bail for rogues.

His Worship: Will \$500 bail satisfy the Police?

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Mr. Russ said that the remand was being made to suit the Police, and it seemed to him to be unreasonable for them to oppose bail in what might, after all, be a case of mistaken identity.

His Worship allowed bail in \$1,000.

NO EVIDENCE.

THREE "SAIKUNG" PRISONERS RELEASED.

JUDGE'S DIRECTION.

At the conclusion of this morning's hearing of the case against five men charged with complicity in robbery aboard the "Saikung" launch and the murder of an Indian guard, His Lordship addressed the jury.

Mr. Lo suggested that the witness, the stevedore and the 8th accused, were the only occupants of the boat who were not covered up, but witness said that he felt certain that the latter was underneath a rug.

Mr. Lo: From the time you saw him in the boat until the time you arrived on board the "Bluebell," did you hear him speak at all?—No.

Mr. Lo: Did he ever have a fire-arm?—No.

Mr. Lo: Apart from the fact that you saw him in the boat, did he do anything to lead you to believe that he was a pirate?—No. I did not think that he was.

Mr. Lo: Did you think he was one of their comrades?—No.

Mr. Lo: He might have been a passenger trying to escape from the burning ship?—Yes.

Ship's Quartermaster.

In the course of the morning, evidence was given by Lam Fui (the twenty-third witness in the case). His evidence was to the effect that the 3rd prisoner came to his shop at Tap Mun island, near Tai Po, and asked for opium. When prisoner offered to pay he opened an attache case he had with him and witness noticed that there was a revolver inside.

The following day, continued witness, the 3rd prisoner was seen to enter a house in the neighbourhood of Tai Po, and asked for opium. When prisoner offered to pay he opened an attache case he had with him and witness noticed that there was a revolver inside.

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Arrested Again?

The "China Mail" learns from an authoritative source that Tsui Wu, the 17th defendant in the "Sunning" piracy case, who, following the submission of Mr. M. K. Lo (defending) that there was no case to answer, was discharged by Mr. R. E. Lindsell on Monday afternoon, has again been taken into custody by the Police.

The authorities concerned declined to make any statement when interviewed by the "China Mail," but, as far as can be ascertained, the man was taken into custody on Wednesday afternoon when he called at Central Police Station for his property.

It is understood that the man's arrest is in no way connected with the "Sunning" piracy. At the time of writing, the man was still in custody. Unless he is discharged

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SOLICITOR AND POLICE.

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GUEST OF HONOUR.

In the course of his return home from a visit to Korea, the Right Hon. and Right Rev. A. F. Winnington-Ingram, Lord Bishop of London, arrived here this morning on board the s.s. "President Lincoln," accompanied by his Chaplain, the Rev. H. C. Thomas and Mr. A. O. Blyth, a personal friend.

They were met on arrival by the Revs. H. Copley Moyle, G. R. Lindsay, and G. T. Waldegrave,



TOO SOON YET.

Postponing Philippines Independence.

MR. C. THOMPSON'S REPORT.

Washington, Dec. 22. Mr. Carmi Thompson, a former United States Treasurer, who spent some months in the Philippines surveying the economic conditions there on behalf of President Coolidge, has made a report recommending postponement of the grant of absolute independence to the islands, but the concession of a further measure of autonomy in internal affairs.

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AMERICA

DEMAND MUCH EASIER.

The following market cable has been received by the Shanghai agent for Messrs. Anderson, Clayton and Fleming, New York, giving a review of the week in the American cotton market for the period ended December 16:

"Continued limited hedging, moderate trade calling with stubbornness, considering market facing admittedly heavy supply, and inducing short covering. Easy demand, good grade, better staple and for very low grade. Enquiry medium low grades, slow general tone, somewhat easier."

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"The story of this market is the stubbornness of the South in the face of the known over-supply.

"Japan continues a fair buyer and merchants are finding some trouble in filling old commitments especially in middling and above of inch and above staple Western cotton but Europe and domestic spinners appear pretty well supplied for nearby wants."

Stiffening Tendency.

The various financial organisations developed out of the President's Committee are still organising, but we see little accomplished as yet beyond stiffening the hold-

ers' backbone; meantime in so far as appears on the surface the rumours of syndicates to take on themselves have not as yet materialised, though it must be admitted that the trade has bought considerable cotton ahead and is prepared to buy more on declines.

BAD COTTON TRADE.

London, December 4.—The bad state of the cotton trade has aggravated the fall in the price of cotton. The General Strike and the coal stoppage is said to be the cause of a loss of £375,000 for the year ended August 1926.

It is reported by subsidiaries of the Amalgamated Cotton Mills Trust, including Horrocks and the Crewdon Company, that steps will be taken to write down their capital, the latter by £1,395,000, to meet the accumulated losses due to the depreciation of trading stocks.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Washington, estimates a carryover of 9,000,000 bales at the end of this cotton year, which looks about right allowing for an increase of approximately 1,000,000 in consumption, but it does not add much to the flame of bullish speculation.

The trade having about conceded that we have around 18 millions to contend with, there is no usual interest shown in next Monday's Bureau. It will probably be a little the rise of 18 millions.

HOLLAND BORROWS.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The "Journal Officiel" has published a decree authorising the Minister of Finance to issue Holland a loan of twenty-seven millions of Dutch florins, in bonds of one thousand florins, at seven per cent, redeemable between September 1, 1927, and March 1, 1928, for the requirements of the State railways, and in accordance with a contract concluded with a group of Dutch banks on December 17.—Reuter.

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Hong Kong, December 22, 1926.

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Hong Kong, 22nd December, 1926.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary
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AIR WEEK-ENDS.

LONDONERS TO FLY TO
SEASIDE.

Messrs. Stack and Leete, two members of the Royal Aero Club, who have set out in a light aeroplane in an attempt to make a record long distance flight, are held up by bad weather at Lympne aerodrome, Kent.

They deny that they intend to fly to Australia.

"Messrs. Leete and Stack's aerial holiday cruise is an instance of what can be expected from the development of aero clubs throughout Britain," said a representative of De Havilland's to a representative of "The Sun."

"Both are members of the

Lancashire Aero Club and started with only a few spare parts, some tools and a small personal kit, probably for a cruise in North Africa, to get a bit of sunshine.

"Aeroplaning is becoming as cheap as motoring. Many British business men own their own Moths, and several Londoners motor out to the aerodrome on Saturdays, garage their cars in the hangar, and take out their "Moth" and spend the week-end in Devon and return on Monday morning.

"Flying to the seaside is more pleasant than motoring and avoids the congestion of the roads."

FAKED MEMOIRS.

London, December 4.—At the resumed hearing of the Hesketh Pearson case the Prosecution produced a copy of the "American Editor" in which the American publishers inserted a note stating that they had to provide for the authenticity of the book.

After the London newspapers had attacked the book, Pearson handed the publishers a statement, alleged to be emanating from the diarist, who declined to disclose his name.

Messrs. John Lane subsequently stopped the cheque for £225 which they had handed to Pearson.

TROUBLE IN HONDURAS.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Secretary of the Navy has ordered a warship to Laeibah, Honduras, in consequence of the American Consul's report that disorders are threatened, likely to endanger the life and property of foreigners.—Reuter's American Service.

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ISHIKARI MARU Saturday, 25th December.
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CHICAGO MARU Saturday, 22nd January.
CALCUTTA—via Singapore and Rangoon.
BINGO MARU Sunday, 26th December.
BANGKOK—via Saigon.
KOHSE MARU Tuesday, 28th December.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
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Tales of the Mercantile Marine.

TRAMPS AND CARGOES.

"The Liner, She's a Lady."

It comes as a surprise to many people to learn that there are more ships under 1,000 tons in existence than there are ships over the size (writes "Cabot," in the "Weekly Mail").

Great Atlantic Liners of 30,000, 40,000 and 50,000 tons—barely a score of them, all well-known by name—stand at one end of a scale that consists at the other end of thousands of small ships plying their part in the sea carrying trades, from ramshackle little vessels coasting in and out of port in the world, and grimy colliers nosing their ways through the seven seas to the bigger ships that bring grain to Europe from Australia and the Plate and North America and carry timber from the White Sea and ore from Spain.

A typical tramp would be a "three island" ship, that is to say, possessing a poop, bridge, and forecastle, the officers' quarters being on the bridge-deck and the crew being quartered in either the forecastle or in the poop.

A ship of, say, 4,000 gross tons, would be able to carry upward of 7,000 tons of cargo, generally at a speed of from eight to ten knots.

Such a ship may carry almost any cargo from anywhere to anywhere, and may not be in England from one year's end to another.

Tramp ships are not good looking. Very often, the funnel rises erect amidships, sometimes the engines and funnel are built aft as a precaution against fire, and the masts are not there for beauty, but utility.

In describing a typical tramp ship, I have selected what is probably the most common form of cargo-carrier, but there are many variations, and some of the special types of ships are very important.

For carrying coal, a special kind of ship has been evolved that is best described as a great compartmented biscuit-bin. The hatchways open almost to the full beam of the ship, so as to permit coal to be tipped on board at high speed. Such ships are known as self-trimming vessels, but the title is a little exaggerated, as although much less work is required in trimming the level of coal in loading, a certain amount of trimming is unavoidable.

Losing Ground.

Before the war it used to be estimated that two-thirds of British shipping consisted of "tramps." That proportion would have been altered now. More and more tramp ships are getting their trade taken from them by cargo liners. This is a consequence of the increasing size of ships.

Quite recently there were two full rigged sailing ships moored together for a single night on the Thames, one home from Peru with a cargo of fertiliser and the other bound for Norway with ballast on the morrow.

That is not a common sight nowadays at English ports, but the traditions of the old sailing ships, that have been fortunately enshrined in the verse of Kipling, Masefield, and Miss Fox Smith, are inherited by "tramp" steamers.

Ugly Ships.

Self-trimming ships are ugly enough, but they are not quite so ugly as the ships designed for carrying ore.

The difference between cargo liners and tramps is not so much a difference of ships as of trades. A ship may be engaged on a tramp voyage one month and may be put on a liner route the next. That does happen, but naturally liners have, therefore, been designed to load cargo at different levels in the ship so as to obtain a good distribution of weight, while the cranes are there for rapid handling.

The ships that bring meat and fruit to Europe are of a very expensive type. They have to be fitted with refrigerating machinery and insulated holds.

This chilled and frozen meat trade, in particular, has grown to gigantic proportions, and a very large number of ships are occupied. Many of them belong to companies that are associated with the powerful meat producing companies.

In similar fashion the oil-tanker has been evolved for carrying oil in bulk, and many of them are similarly operated by special companies promoted by the oil companies. Thus, the British Tanker Company operates a fleet of tankers carrying the products of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company.

"Tanker" is a descriptive title. The ships are divided into a number of closed tanks, into which the oil is pumped in loading, and from which it is pumped in discharging.

The British Tanker Company's ships are discharged at Swansea.

For all that, tramps are not likely to be ousted as sailing ships have been ousted. A considerable amount of tramps tonnage will always be required for the carriage of coal, grain, timber, lead, ore, &c.—what are known as bulk cargoes because they are carried unpacked in large quantities requiring the whole space of a ship. Several of these trades are seasonal, and ships are, therefore, chartered on the freight market as they are required.

For the carriage of expensive commodities, cargo liners have become indispensable, and are nowadays built to a standard of efficiency rivalling the smaller passenger

to pipes that run a distance of twenty miles to the Anglo-Persian Company's oil station. Tankers invariably have their machinery built astern to avoid the risk of fire.

The "Business Quarter."

The big Exchange for "fixing" tramp tonnage is at the "Baltic" St. Mary Axe, London. Like most London exchanges, the Baltic is descended from an eighteenth century coffee-house, the old Jerusalem coffee-house, which, I believe, was situated in Leadenhall Street.

From there, the London Shipping Exchange was formed and was eventually lodged in South Sea House, where it found itself neighboured with the Baltic Society of Merchants.

The "Baltic" merchants originally imported tallow from Russia, but in the course of time naturally extended their trade in other directions. When the old South Sea House was closed, the London Shipping Exchange and the "Baltic" Society were amalgamated under the title of the Baltic Mercantile and Shipping Exchange, and took possession of the extensive building a quarter of a century ago.

The "Baltic" is an exchange for both ships and commodities, and, like Lloyds, is not a strictly limited society. There are many members of Lloyds who are also members of the Baltic, either being shipbrokers as well as insurance brokers, or simply having an insurance connection there.

How Business is Done.

In the great domed hall, a room that is not equalled by many in London, the traders meet daily in their accustomed places. The talk is of ships in one corner, of grain in another, timber in a third, and oil and seeds in a fourth, and from the free course of exchange, the ruling prices of the day and the business done can be found in the newspapers, such as in the following extracts from the "London Times":—

"On the Baltic Shipping Exchange yesterday, business in tonnage was on a record sale. More than 40 vessels were stated to have been engaged."

"London (The Baltic Exchange): Wheat—the cargo market continued firm, and quotations were 3d. to 6d. higher."

"On the Baltic Exchange business was firm for a further 2s. 6d. advance, but inquiry was poor."

Such announcements can be read every morning, and, of course, on them depends a vast amount of business in all corners of the world. For example, Manitoba wheat may be brought, sold, and a ship chartered to carry it from, perhaps, Vancouver to Milan under the one domed roof in London.

Commencing with the sailing from Southampton on Nov. 22 of the Woermann liner "Adolph Woermann," embarkation will take place at Southampton Docks direct on to the steamer instead of by tender. This service will be supplemented by the addition of the a.s. "Toledo," and the journey from Southampton to South Africa by this vessel will occupy nineteen days only.

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EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 18 Feb. 19 Feb. 23 Feb. 25 Mar. 6
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9 Mar. 12 Mar. 15 Mar. 18 Mar. 27
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30 Apr. 2 Apr. 5 Apr. 8 Apr. 17
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20 Apr. 23 Apr. 26 Apr. 29 May 6
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 11 May 14 May 17 May 20 May 29
EMPERESS OF CANADA	June 1 June 4 June 7 June 10 June 18
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MIRZA PORE	6,715	29th Dec. Noont	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	5th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MALWA	10,913	8th Jan.	Marseilles, London & London
KALYAN	9,334	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,355	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles, London & London
DELTA	9,007	13th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KASHMIR	9,005	10th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,852	2nd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,602	5th March	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,006	12th March	Singapore, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	18th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	10,604	19th March	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,320	2nd April	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	10th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	13th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,007	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MALWA	10,914	30th April	Marseilles & London
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London

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TAKADA	6,949	21st Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TILAWA	10,000	1st Feb.	Shore, Perang, Colombo & Calcutta
TALMA	10,000	12th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ST. ALBANS	4,500	32nd Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, & Melbourne.
TANDA	6,966	4th March	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	
ARAFURA	6,000	29th April	
TANDA	6,966	3rd June	

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TAKADA	6,949	31st Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MOREA	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DEVANHA	8,355	7th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
TILAWA	10,000	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NAGPORE	5,283	19th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,006	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,007	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALMA	10,000	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MANTUA	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	6,853	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	6,966	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	13th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMALA	9,128	18th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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Among the passengers arrived on the "Tango Maru" at Hong Kong from Yokohama and ports on Dec. 22 were:-

Mr. Alejandro Fong, Mr. Alfred Victor Lyen, Miss Adriana Carpis, Mr. Charles E. Keomt, Miss Consception Carpis, Mr. H. Hino, Mr. Jorge Koo, Mrs. Mary Carpis, Mr. R. Meir Paton, Mr. Fernando Quiroga, Mr. Jesus Diaz, Mr. Manuel Chantis, Mr. L. Ayer.

Passenger who arrived at Hong Kong on the "President Jefferson" from Shanghai and ports on Dec. 22 included:-Mr. W. Bech, Mrs. Chey Shee, Mr. C. W. Choy, Mrs. J. R. Fredericks, Mrs. C. M. Fung, Mr. and Mrs. H. Grieg, Mr. J. R. Hinton, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Wah-tong, Mr. V. Kudler, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hon-chai, Mr. and Mrs. Li Poon-kwan, Mr. and Mrs. Loey Yim-sun, Mr. Lung Kee-chin, Mr. L. Chan-horn, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Lynch, Miss A. Moran, Mr. W. Murata, Mr. Quock Poy, Mr. Chas. Roselett, Mr. H. Sulzer, Mr. Y. S. Tong.

Among the passengers who arrived at Hong Kong from San Francisco, Honolulu and Shanghi on the ss. "President Lincoln" on Dec. 23 were:-

Mr. C. Akana, Mr. O. A. Blyth, Miss B. Brown, Miss D. Ellison, Mr. R. A. Feitoff, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Helde, Mr. T. Field, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hornby, Mr. A. F. W. Ingram, Mr. Mr. J. D. LaJimer, Mr. A. Liyi, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Parker, Mr. W. H. Smith, Mr. Tenz Sam-pak, Mr. H. C. Thomas and Mr. F. L. Waterhouse.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers who left Hong Kong for Manila on the Dollar Line "President Jefferson" on Dec. 22 included:-Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Baker and Miss Helen Baker, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bryan, Mr. B. S. Black, Mrs. Nadezhda I. Cooper, Mrs. M. F. Dee, Mr. Charles Ferrier, Mr. L. Gieland, Mr. R. R. Hancock, Mrs. W. F. L. Hartigan, Mr. I. M. Haslett, Mr. O. E. Lautzenhiser, Mr. R. G. McLeod, Mr. B. H. Lydon, Mr. and Mrs. R. I. and Miss A. McCallie, Miss M. R. Moore, Mr. M. R. Nicholson, Bishop and Mrs. W. F. Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Postnikoff, Judge Burton Payne, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Pope, Viscount B. De Rouge, Mr. T. E. Sammang, Mrs. L. P. Wensell, Mr. W. M. Weldon, Mr. H. C. Shrubsole, Miss C. Mapa, Mrs. I. de Acuna, Miss K. M. Anderson, Miss M. B. Hall, Mr. I. H. Evans, Sister Bogaeris, Sister Dietlens, Mr. Juan Nahphil, Mr. Jose Escaler, Mr. M. C. de Ugarico, Mr. L. del Casileyo Utior, Mr. M. Gonzales, Mr. Luis Echegoyen, Mrs. S. Echegoyen, Mrs. B. Fernandez, Miss L. Echegoyen, Miss C. Echegoyen, Mr. A. Alonia, Mr. Kung Jen-chun, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. B. Montargis, Mr. and Mrs. H. Goldsmith, Mr. Behar, Mr. Bangzon, Mr. Char Yick-wah, Mr. and Mrs. Del Rosario, Mr. and Mrs. Ishikawa, Rev. Father P. Giraldos, Rev. Father E. Artaraz, Mr. Ong Kim, Mr. Ong Gang-kuan, Mr. Chin Sing-kwai, Mr. George R. Kelly, Mr. Jas A. Brown, Mr. John Dutko, Mr. John Romskey, Mr. John C. Ingles, Mr. H. P. Becher, Mr. R. Frankenberg, Mr. Andre Dupre.

Among the passengers who left Hong Kong for Australia via Ports on the ss. "Tango Maru" on Dec. 23 were:-

Mrs. W. H. Benson, Prof. Taylor, Miss P. Bentley, Mr. Chamber, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Chamber, Miss L. Ayer, Prof. and Mrs. H. A. Woodruff, Mrs. S. F. Hinder, Mrs. D. Selwood, Mr. E. Hyndman, Mr. E. Stempel, Mr. J. Vilnits, Mr. E. Moles and Mr. J. H. Laverty.

ARMS CONFISCATED.

An application was granted yesterday for the confiscation of four revolvers and 550 rounds of ammunition, found by Sergeant Barnich on the ss. "President Jefferson". Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, the Kowloon Magistrate, made the requisite order.

It is expected that one of the first achievements of the N.D.L. will be a notable increase in its fleet, for the company is known to be negotiating with large German shipyards for the early construction of a Transatlantic liner. Already, in fact, the N.D.L. has contracted for a 12,000-ton vessel with the Teekloog Co. of Bremerhaven.

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CHANCE OF A CROWN.

Some American women soon will have the chance to wear the crown of Catherine the Great of Russia—if she wants it and can afford it.

This famous ornament and others of the collection of Russian crown jewels are on the way to New York, having been purchased from the Soviet Government by Norman C. Weiss, diamond merchant of New York and London.

The price paid for the crown has not been made public.

"The nuptial crown," as it is described to distinguish it from the great imperial coronation crown used by all the Russian sovereigns since Catherine's time, which is valued at \$52,000,000, was worn by Russia's greatest and most beautiful empress when she married Peter III in 1745. It contains 1,529 diamonds and is surrounded by a superb cross of huge jewels.

Unique among the items purchased by Mr. Weiss, however, is a baby's rattle of solid gold and ivory, which was used

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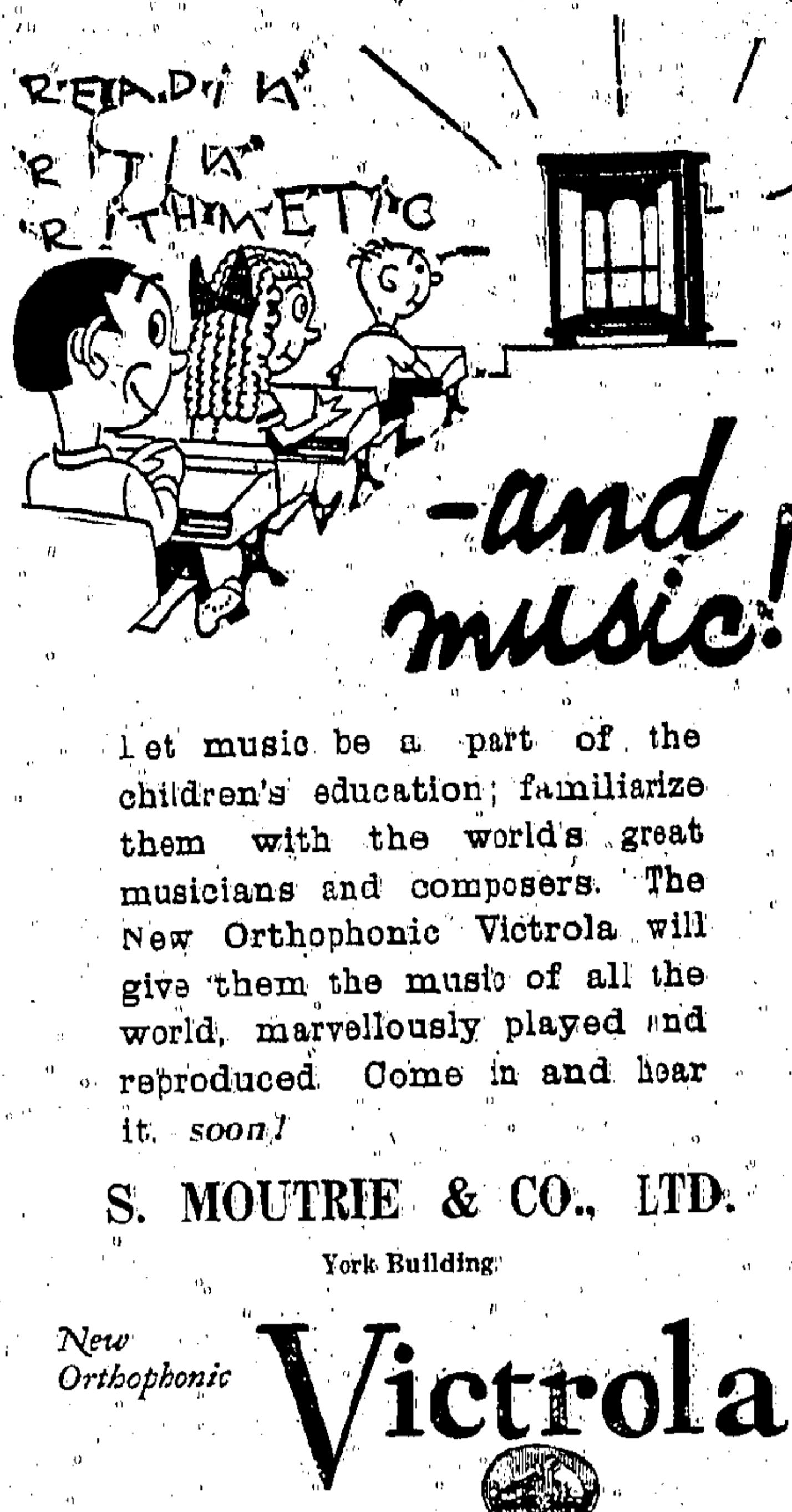
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"CONCILIATION."

In a recent speech in the House of Lords on the position in China great emphasis was laid by Lord Parmoor on the need to promote conciliation. This world has been worked to death by publicists and politicians at home. Conciliation implies in the first place an error—or something worse—on the part of British policy; and that something is required to atone for and retrieve such an error. But our avowed enemies—the Bolsheviks—may search the records of British relations in China for an error of judgment or for a wilful blunder. They will seek in vain. British policy and British dealings in China, naturally and collectively, have ever been correct according to the highest standards of diplomacy. There has been nothing to call for conciliation. Furthermore, as Lord Balfour asked in the course of his reply to Lord Parmoor, "whom are we going to conciliate?" The country has been and still is dismembered. Warring factions and rival war lords exist everywhere. Assuming that a policy of conciliation is called for in regard to one faction, it would instantly be construed as hostility to the many other factions. All that the British can reasonably do is to adhere to their traditional spirit of fair play, seeking no intervention, yet insisting on the proper protection of British subjects and British property. Given the opportunity, the British may even treat with

any local authority sufficiently strong to ensure its dictates being carried out, leaving the larger question of diplomatic recognition to take care of itself. The problem is one that no single Power can solve alone.

The Bishop of London:

During its comparatively short life as an integral part of the British Commonwealth of Nations, the Colony of Hong Kong has been afforded opportunities for welcoming to its shores not a few distinguished sons of the Empire. The present King, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught have each visited this outpost of Empire, whilst Kitchener of Khartum and "Chinese" Gordon are but two of the many distinguished Empire-builders who, from time to time, have honoured successive Governors with a visit. Turning to the Church, the rector of St. John's Cathedral will disclose the signatures of many distinguished prelates of the Anglican hierarchy who, during the past three quarters of a century, have officiated at the Cathedral church of this diocese. It does not, however, include the name of an ecclesiastic more eminent than that of the Rt. Hon. and Rev. Arthur Foley Winnington Ingram, who, for the past quarter of a century, has presided over the see of London and who, after a tour of the Dominion of Canada and a visit to Japan and Korea, arrived in the Colony this morning. Twenty-five years ago Dr. Ingram was enthroned Bishop of London. It is a brief time in the history of a bishopric which had its challenges and uncertain beginnings sixteen centuries ago, but it is certainly a decisive period in the life of one man. At no point in the church's far-fighting front does the tide of battle beat more fiercely or more threateningly than at the hub of the Commonwealth. It is the Ypres Salient of Christianity. From her standard-bearer the church requires the faith that thinks only in terms of victory, the large sympathy that sees equals in duke and doder, and the gay courage that delights in risks for righteousness' sake. These Dr. Ingram gave and gives. That he has had many critics is proof of his combatant Christianity. Pagans drove one Bishop of London out of his diocese; the twentieth century crusader that Dr. Ingram has yielded not an inch. His Lordship may be assured of a great welcome in Hong Kong.

The cast was as follows:—

Part I.—"On Zephyr's Wings":

Moral: The Queen, Mrs. Hole;

The Princess Gracious (her daughter), Miss Birkett;

The Lady Babilarde, Miss Stewart;

The Lady Gignon, Mrs. Aubrey;

The Lady Yvonne, Mrs. Tod (Ladies in Waiting to The Princess); Aldor (a Prince among shepherds).

Mrs. Miles; Florian, Mrs. Scovil; Ipsil, Miss Scott; Biroquel, Miss Mitchell; (Aldor's friends). Fairies: "Mordicante" (An Evil Fairy and Goddess of Fire); Mrs. Raisye ("Zeus" (The leader of her Fairies); Miss V. Capell; "Zephyr" (The god of the West Wind); Mrs. Mitchell; "Cupid"; Joan Berry. Two more Cupids: Daphne Bird, and Elmer Herberg. Fire Sprites: E. Rose, P. Capell, B. Walker, B. Hance, Meyer, M. Matthews, R. Wong. Gnomes: Micky Gibson, Pam Miles, Jean Mitchell, Helen Lindsell, Alpine Purves, Phyllis Gross, Margaret Tod, Joan Leath.

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XMAS MATINEE.**Delightful Hong Kong Entertainment.****"ON ZEPHYR'S WINGS."****Notable Success at Theatre Royal.**

This is the kind of entertainment at which, especially at this time of the year, everyone, both audience and performers, are in the happiest of moods. Fathers, mothers, uncles and aunts, together with a host of friends of the young players, constituted a "house" which was far larger than many professional or amateur entertainments have attracted during recent months.

The first part of the programme, an old English pantomime, "On Zephyr's Wings," was, of course, not new to Hong Kong audiences, the delightful little terpsichorean show having been presented in the form of a pastoral play in the grounds of Government House at the recent Ministering Children's League *al fresco* fete. It must, however, be said at once that the entertainment as presented at the Theatre Royal was a distinct improvement. No doubt the environment was responsible for a good deal of this—the staging and lighting effects were really excellent—but there was a very noticeable improvement in the technique of the artistes—one is inclined to emphasise this more particularly in respect of the younger members of the cast.

Miss Birkett and Mrs. Miles made an admirable Prince and Princess. Mrs. Miles' interpretation was both dignified and charming, whilst Miss Birkett's Princess was quite a beautiful little picture in itself. I do not know whether this artiste was responsible for her own costumes, but they were certainly selected with admirable taste, and suited her really bewitching manner beyond description.

Mr. Aubrey, Mrs. Todd and Miss Stewart supported the Princess in a manner worthy of the best traditions of light opera, whilst Mrs. Scovil, Miss Scott and Miss Mitchell, as the Prince's friends, did all that could be wished for in the several ensembles and the two charming little vocal quartettes with Miss Birkett.

A phantasy such as this is, of course, well supplied with a number of immortals, and Mrs. Chater, the capable producer, has mustered a splendid cast. Mrs. Ratsey, as the evil fairy, Miss Capell—who, of course, is responsible for arranging all the dancing—as the Chief Sprite, and little Joan Berry, Daphne Bird and Elmer Hegarty as three Cupids, danced their way into the hearts of one and all.

The ballet was composed of the following:—

Fair Sprites.—E. Rose, P. Capell, B. Walker, B. Hance, Meyer, M. Matthews, R. Wong.

Gnomes.—Micky Gibson, Pam Miles, Jean Mitchell, Helen Lindsell, Alpine Purves, Phyllis Gross, Margaret Tod, Joan Leath.

Taylor.

The second part of the programme was devoted to a number of items, the outstanding feature of which was the dancing by Miss Capell's pupils.

A number of old Christmas fairy stories were admirably rendered, several of our older and more experienced amateurs joining in with the youngsters in providing a really first class entertainment.

A series of shadow pictures, also produced by Mrs. Chater, was quite a pleasing number, and special mention must be made of Eng-Lieut Bedells' performance as the long-legged scissor man in the "Story of a Silly Boy."

These who did not see this highly entertaining and seasonable show last evening should not fail to do so to-day.

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THEFT CHARGE.**PEDDER STREET SHOP INCIDENT.****POLICE COURT RESULT.**

The case in which two Chinese, arrested on December 14 at Messrs. Sennet Freres' jewellery store in Pedder Street, were charged with the attempted theft of a number of gold watches, was concluded at the Central Magistrate yesterday afternoon, before the 2nd Magistrate, Mr. J. W. Schofield.

Det. Sgt. Meadows prosecuted on behalf of the Police, and both the accused pleaded "not guilty."

Outlining the case for the Police, Sgt. Meadows, said that at 11.30 a.m. on December 14, three men entered Messrs. Sennet Freres' shop and asked to see some watches. Mr. Leon Weill, an assistant, proceeded to show the customers a number of watches and was in the act of getting some others from a showcase when he noticed one of the men put his handkerchief over one of the watches and slip both handkerchief and watch up his sleeve. Mr. Weill sent a man for the police, in the meanwhile keeping the three men engaged in conversation. One of the three apparently suspected trouble and managed to get away before the Police arrived. This led to Mr. Weill and a Chinese assistant getting hold of the men. When the Police arrived, the first defendant refused to be searched, afterwards throwing three watches across the counter. A fourth watch, which did not form part of the charge, was found under a stand near where the 2nd defendant had been standing.

Mr. Leon Weill called to the witness-box, corroborated the evidence of the Police. In reply to the Magistrate, the 1st accused said that he had no intention to steal. He was feeling in his pocket for some money. The 2nd accused said that he knew nothing about the matter at all. He was merely in the shop at the time. His Worship found the 2nd accused "not guilty" and ordered his discharge.

Sgt. Meadows informed his Worship that the 1st accused was a returned banished, having been banished from the Colony eighteen months ago.

His Worship sentenced the man to nine months' imprisonment for returning from banishment and to three months for the attempted larceny, both with hard labour, the sentences to run consecutively.

DUTCH INDIES OIL.

The Hague, Dec. 22. During a Second Chamber debate on the Dutch Indies Budget, the Colonial Minister declared that the Dutch Government would co-operate to the utmost in the exploitation of oil-bearing land still undeveloped in the Dutch Indies. —Reuter.

STILL MORE COAL.

London, Dec. 22. It is officially announced that the output of the British coalfields for the week ended December 11 was 4,467,000 tons by 886,000 workers. —Reuter.

E. Ferguson; Fairy Doll, P. Tod; Shadow Pictures (arranged by Mrs. Chater): (a) Fidgety Philip (The Story of a Naughty Boy); Philip, Joan Berry; Mama, Mrs. Russell Brown; Papa Eng-Lit-Com. Bedells, R.A.; (b) To a Miniature (A Song Picture); The Miniature, Mrs. Hole; Her Courtiers, Mrs. Miles and Miss Scott; Soloist, Mr. Hopkins; (c) Suck a Thumb (the Story of a Silly Boy); Conrad, Joan Berry; Mama, Mrs. Russell Brown; The Long-legged Scissor Man, Eng-Lit-Com. Bedells, R.A.; (d) Poor Pierrot (A Story in Dance by Miss V. Capell); Columbine, Helen Ho-Pierrot, Barbara Walker; Harlequin, Phyllis Capell; A Song and Dance Medley (arranged by Mrs. Russell Brown); (e) Come Lassies and Lads; (f) Nonsense Rhymes (by Ed. Lear); (g) The Toy Drum Major; (h) Nursery Rhymes of London Town (a) Petticoat Lane, (b) Whitechapel, (c) Mayfair, (d) Hampstead Heath, (e) Cheapside; Soloists: Mrs. Russell Brown and Mr. Green; Dancers: Madames Aubrey, Bellamy, Mitchell, Charles, Scovil and Tod; the Misses Mitchell, Shaw and Birkett. The Drum Major, Captain Steele; At the Piano, Mrs. F. C. Hall; Christmas Eve (in an English house); The Host, Mr. Bullock; The Hostess, Mrs. F. Hall; The Carol Singers; Madame Russell Brown, Singer, Bellamy and Carter; the Misses Green, Howell, P. Redfern; Toy Drum Major; J. Berry; Policeman,

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LOCAL DIRECTORS.

MR. J. M. ALVES ON THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.

CHINA LIGHT MEETING.

Mr. J. M. Alves, who has been interested in local public companies, spoke to-day on the responsibility of directors and gave it as his opinion that the designation of "consulting committee," as contrasted with "board of directors," was obsolete.

This occurred at the 8th annual meeting (for the year ended Sept. 30, 1926) of the China Light and Power Co. (1918), Ltd., held in the offices of the general managers' (Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co.) at St. George's Building.

Mr. G. Shewan (presiding) reported decreased gross revenue as compared with the preceding year and outlined steps to reform the system of supplying the public.

The Attendance.

Supporting Mr. Shewan were: Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. C. A. da Rosa and Mr. H. P. White (members of the Consulting Committee) and Mr. Noel Braka (secretary). Shareholders present comprised: Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. D. W. Munton, Mr. J. P. Donnithorne (works manager), Mr. A. A. Botelho, Mr. F. J. Tavares, Mr. Jas. Toppin, Mr. O. Kitchell, Mr. A. Stevenson, Mr. A. L. Shields, Captain R. D. Thomas, Captain C. E. Riggs and Mr. Lo Chung-wan.

The convening notice and the auditors' report were read by the secretary.

YEAR REVIEWED.

Chairman's Speech: Deposits From Customers.

The Chairman's speech was as follows:

The net amount, including \$152,479.07 brought forward, from last year, available for distribution is \$366,481.40, which we recommend be appropriated as follows:

To put to credit of Reserve for Special Re-

newals, Repairs, and

Charge of Voltage ... \$110,000.00

To write off value of

Crown Leases 1,710.00

To pay a dividend of 8 per cent., or 40 cents.

per share, on 400,000 old shares 160,000.00

To pay a dividend of 8 per cent., or 16 cents per share, on 189,850 new shares 31,896.00

To carry forward to next year's account 52,575.40

\$366,481.40

The Working Account figures show a gross profit of \$405,639.41, against last year's gross profit of \$621,626.00, a decrease of \$115,986.59, or about 22½ per cent. The decrease in the revenue is due to lower consumption of electricity in Kowloon arising out of the unsettled state of affairs in South China.

Works Costs Increased.

Our power load has greatly diminished, principally owing to reduced consumption by our largest customers; but I am pleased to say the lighting load has been maintained, and there is every indication of this load steadily increasing. Our works costs have naturally increased with the lower output.

As will be seen from the statement of accounts, there has been heavy expenditure on Capital account, due to the building of two sub-stations with the necessary switchgear equipments, new generator switchboard, four large power transformers, extensions to power station, offices and staff quarters, and cable duct line at Lok Un station.

Raising the Pressure.

Work on the underground mains, service connections and Yau Ma Tei sub-station equipment was somewhat curtailed during the year. Several new underground mains were laid in three districts to replace overhead lines involving an expenditure of approximately \$16,000.

We have, up to date, laid underground mains to the value written down of \$625,500. The present low tension distribution entails the laying of heavy and costly cables owing to the low voltage, and in order to reduce the future cost we applied to the Government in April last year for permission to raise the pressure of our supply to 350 volts for power purposes and 200 volts for lighting, which was duly granted us in October of this year.

Conversion Expenditure.

The change to the higher pressure is absolutely necessary owing to the increased demand on our system. The conversion to the higher pressure will cost the Company approximately \$300,000, spread over a period of 5 to 6 years; but in spite of the heavy outlay the change will involve, there will be an eventual saving to the company, inasmuch as the existing cables will carry more power and considerably lower the

cost of laying further mains when the demand on the system exceeds its present carrying capacity.

In addition to this, we estimate our capital expenditure for the current year for plant and equipment for sub-stations and for supplying the Kowloon Docks, the Peninsula Hotel and other customers, at about \$250,000.

Show-Room Decision.

The question of continuing the showroom is having our serious attention, but as conditions are showing signs of improvement we think it would be advisable to wait a little longer before coming to a decision.

I regret that we cannot recommend a higher dividend than eight per cent., but considering the great falling off in the demand owing to circumstances beyond our control we are glad we are able to pay as much as that. For the present year our prospects are good, as our sales for October, November and December show a considerable increase.

Before moving the adoption of the Report, there are just one or two other matters I wish to touch upon.

To Chinese Friends.

You will notice that the accounts are stated in a more extended form than previously, and will, we hope, give you a clearer grasp of the financial position of the company.

It has come to our knowledge that an idea prevails that this company only accepts deposits on doubtful accounts from Chinese customers. This is quite incorrect. When there is any doubt we require guarantees from the would-be customer no matter what his nationality may be. If our Chinese friends have any such idea, I beg they will disabuse themselves of it, as it is emphatically not the case.

New "Articles."

With regard to interest on pre-paid calls, this will be made up to December 31, and will be paid to shareholders immediately after that date.

Our present Articles of Association, although not very old, are still not quite equal to present-day requirements, and we are preparing new Articles which are now in the printers' hands and will be laid before you for approval in due course.

I think I have now, Gentlemen, given you all the information I can of interest and importance to you, but before I move the adoption of the Report I shall be pleased to answer any question you may wish to put.

No question was put, Sir Robert Ho Tung seconded the chairman's motion and the resolution was carried unanimously.

LEGAL DEFINITION.

Consulting Committee and Directors.

Mr. J. M. Alves then said:

"I have listened with much interest to that part of your speech suggesting the substitution of a board of directors to assist the general managers to direct the affairs of this company instead of an obsolete consulting committee.

"To my mind, I think, the days of such an anomaly as a consulting committee should be over in this Colony, as members of such Committee should know that according to the local Companies Ordinances, 'Director' means any person occupying the position of director by whatever name called and includes a general manager and any person on a consulting or advisory committee.

Change Appreciated.

"This may not be known to an ordinary shareholder, who under the delusion would tend to put all the blame of any gross negligence on the general manager and exonerate the consulting committee, despite the fact that they draw as much fees as directors of other companies with a board of directors.

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THE PROPER AGE.

WHEN CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL.

VICTORIA "OPEN DAY."

What is the proper age for children to start school?

This question, which must at some time or other engage the attention of parents, was answered by Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, Education Department, at the Victoria British School to-day when parents and friends gathered in large numbers for the "open day and sale of work," which was held in place of the annual prize distribution, it having been decided to dispense with trophies this year.

Mr. Ralphs spoke on the advisability of sending children to school at the age of four and five years. What he had seen this morning had shown the good results of nice teaching. Accordingly, he suggested that parents and others present should let their friends know.

Concert & Sale of Work.

Thanks were also tendered by Mr. Ralphs to the staff for the excellent concert provided.

Although the highest class in the school is VII and all the pupils are kiddies, they are one and all acquitted themselves well, thereby paying a high tribute to the painstaking and sympathetic efforts of the teachers.

The sale of work—the proceeds of which go towards purchasing books for the library—went splendidly. All but a few articles were sold, thus exceeding the expectations of the sponsors, but the success was thoroughly deserved.

First of all Mrs. Clark read her report. Then the Royal Drawing Society's certificates were presented as follow:

Preparatory certificate, Marie Clarke, Mary Taylor, Douglas Taylor, Douglas McKay (all with honours) and Sydney Fowler (passed).

Afterwards came the concert and the sale of work.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report for the school year 1926, as presented by Mrs. E. M. Clark, headmistress, was:

The attendance during the year has been satisfactory.

Dr. Minett visited the school several times and reported "general health—good."

H.E. the Governor visited the school on January 26 with the Director of Education. Among visitors to the School during the year were Mr. L. Forster and a party of University students.

Miss Hendry proceeded on long leave in July. Mrs. Watt joined the staff in October.

The work generally has been satisfactory throughout the year.

Five pupils sat for the Royal Drawing Society's examination—four gained honours and one passed.

Scholarship Winner.

Douglas Taylor is awarded the Government Free Scholarship for Class 7.

There were several Open Days during the year when parents visited the School and saw exhibitions of the children's work.

We are holding to-day a sale of articles made by the children and staff during the winter term;

the proceeds will go to defray cost of material and provide books for the library.

I wish to thank Miss Hendry, Mrs. Watt and Miss Stuart for their able and loyal support, and to thank you all for your attendance here to-day.

THE PROGRAMME.

The concert programme is given below. Each item was nicely presented and earned deserved applause.

Dance.—Cockadoodle doo, classes 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Song.—The old woman, classes 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Recitation.—A birdie with a yellow bill, by Billy Pryde.

Song.—The Pirates, by Stella Stevenson, Robbie Glen, Eric Stone, Billy Glegg, Henry Bunje.

Dance.—The Creel Dance, by Mary Taylor, Jean Clark, Alec Macfarlane, Douglas Taylor.

Song.—Dear little Robin, by class 10.

Recitation.—When I was down beside the sea, by Mary Joy Parsons.

An old French dance—by Stella Stevenson and Henry Bunje.

Carols.—Good King Wenceslaus, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, by the whole school.

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Following their highly successful season at the Queen's Theatre, the "Globe-trotters"—Dick Norton's popular vaudeville company—open at the Star Theatre this afternoon.

The "China Mail" was among the first to congratulate the management of Hong Kong Amusements Ltd. upon introducing first-class vaudeville into the firm's programme at the Queen's Theatre, and patrons of the

Kowloon house may be assured of a capital entertainment during the next few days.

Dick Norton and his happy band of talented artists are firm favourites on the other side of the harbour, and it may be predicted that full houses will be the order of the day.

"Dick" himself is a comedian who always attracts large houses.

His charming wife, Miss Lella Forbes, back from a holiday in New Zealand, is as full of life

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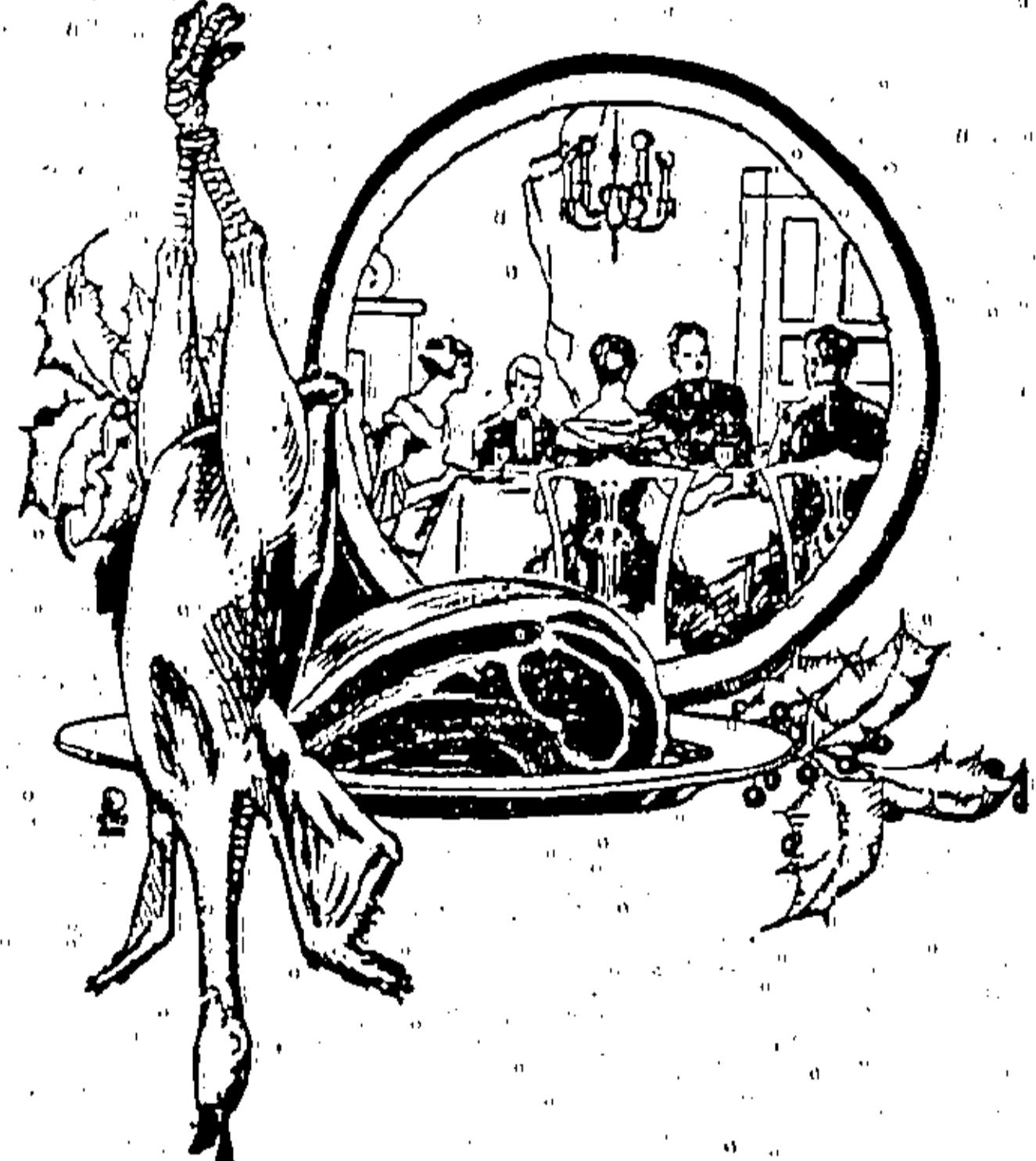
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Whiteaway Laidlaw and Co. are opening business premises at Medan.

The Colony had a clean bill of health on Wednesday, no case of nosocomial disease occurring during the 24 hours.

Fong Ding-yau, a steerage passenger on the "President Lincoln" from San Francisco, died at sea while the ship was between Shanghai and Hong Kong.

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce is to be held at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Mr. M. J. B. Montargis (the local exchange broker) and Mrs. Montargis were passengers from Hong Kong on the "President Jefferson" yesterday, bound for Manila.

A handsome wall calendar by the Asiatic Petroleum Co. Ltd. has been received by the "China Mail." In pretty colours, it illustrates the world-wide oil fuel bunkering service of the A.P.C. and is very stoutly got up.

A charming view of Colombo seen by moonlight embellishes the calendar for 1927 issued by Lipson Limited, the tea planters, for whom Messrs. A. B. Moulder & Co., Ltd. are the sole agents in Hong Kong.

A short circuit caused a small outbreak of fire in a Chinese garage at Queen's Road Central yesterday evening at about seven o'clock. The fire was extinguished by the Fire Brigade and there was no damage done to property.

Andre Dupre, the professional boxer who has appeared before Hong Kong "fans" and featherweight champion of France, sailed on the "President Jefferson" yesterday for Manila where he is to fulfil a contract for three contests. Mr. Behan was also among the passengers from Hong Kong.

Reminder: last performance at Theatre Royal, 5.15 p.m. to-day, Christmas Revels and Fairy Play, in aid of the Ministering Children's League and the Seamen's Institute.

Following a vacation spent in the United States, Mr. R. G. McLeod, Division Superintendent of the Bureau of Education in the Philippine Islands, passed through on the Dollar Lines steamship "President Jefferson."

"Smiling" Charley Fertier, a widely-known business man from San Francisco, and who has made many trips to the Far East, where he has a wide acquaintance, arrived in Hong Kong on the "President Jefferson" and left yesterday for Manila.

Completely equipped for hunting the tiger in his lair in Indo-China, Mr. L. J. Matty and son, passed through Hong Kong on an extensive big game hunt in the vicinity of Saigon and other points. They were on the "President Jefferson."

Devotees of dancing will have a good many functions to choose from in the two days before Christmas. At the City Hall tonight will be the annual ball of the Police. The Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers of the China Squadron are holding a big dance at the same place to-morrow night. There will be the customary tea dances at the Hong Kong Hotel to-day and to-morrow at 4.30 p.m. and at the King Edward Hotel to-morrow at the same hour. At the Repulse Bay Hotel, the Christmas Eve dance will be from 8.30 p.m. to 12 midnight.

The career of Sir Henry Jones, of Tasmania, whose death was recently announced, belongs to the romance of business. He started work at the age of 9 in a jam factory at Hobart, of which he became the owner, and extended the business all over the world. He also built up the large trade in every vessel available. Sir Henry opened up markets for Tasmanian timber in South Africa, India, and China, and eventually he controlled some dozen saw mills. He took contracts for building wharves and piers and owned ships, was one of the first to begin dredging for the in the East at Tongkab Harbour (Puket, Siam), and later in the F.M.S.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. Richard Geater, of the China Navigation Company, was attired in a rose beige georgette lace dress and carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums.

Miss Margaret Dovey, the bridesmaid, wore a blue crepe de chine dress and carried a bouquet of roses.

Mrs. Dovey was matron of honour.

The best man was Mr. Leslie St. John Rae, of the China Navigation Company.

A reception was held later in the day at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves, of 4 Chatham Road, Kowloon.

The honeymoon is being spent at Shanghai.

Dutch planters have established a school and hotel at Brastagi.

For carrying eighteen fully-grown fowls in one small basket, a Chinese was fined \$6 by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Charged by the Naval Yard Police with loitering in the Dockyard, a Chinese was fined \$10 or 14 days' hard labour by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The report of Mr. Tony Shaws return to Shanghai is premature. The veteran Cantonese statesman has not yet returned, but he is expected in the near future.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon will welcome gifts of flowers and greenery for Christmas decorations, to be delivered at the Church at 10 a.m. to-morrow. Lady helpers are also requested to assist.

No. 201, Queen's Road, West, was sold at the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon, the selling price being over \$20,000 more than the opening bid. Mr. Fong Pox-ngam, of No. 141, Caine Road, was the purchaser for \$31,000.

On Tuesday afternoon at Taipo Police Court, before Major C. Wilson and the district officer, North, a Chinese was charged with being in possession of an automatic pistol and 15 rounds of ammunition, and also a revolver with 5 rounds of ammunition. He was sentenced to 2 years' hard labour.

American Consular personnel changes include the following: Mr. Howard Bucknell Jr., and Mr. Maxwell Hamilton, Consuls attached to the American Consulate General at Shanghai, have been promoted from Foreign Service Officers of Class 8 to Foreign Service Officers of Class 7. The resignation of Vice Consul G. W. Strong has been accepted and he has returned to the United States. Mr. T. B. Clark and Mr. J. Thomas Hodgens, of the staff of the Consulate General, have been appointed Vice Consuls.

The "North China Daily News" understands from a reliable source that the head office of the Commercial Press, Ltd., the well-known Chinese publishing house, will soon be moved into the Settlement offices having been secured in Kuklun Road. The reason for this action is, the Shanghai paper is told, to avoid the possibility of seizures by the Southern troops in the event of their arrival at Shanghai. All official records will be removed. The editorial and printing offices will remain in Chapel.

There will be Holy Communion at the Peak Church on Christmas Day at 8 a.m.—Advt.

Mr. H. C. Shrubsole, manager of the Nestle & Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., went to Manila yesterday on the "President Jefferson."

The German A.D.C. is presenting to the Shanghai public the well-known Christmas pantomime "Cinderella" at the Lyceum Theatre.

Missionaries arriving here yesterday on the s.s. "President Jefferson" included Dr. and Mrs. H. D. McCullie, who are on their way to the Philippine Islands.

Accompanied by his family, Mr. I. F. Baker, Director of the Westinghouse Electric Co. of Tokyo, was a visitor in Hong Kong this week. He is en route to Manila on the "President Jefferson."

Viscount E. de Rouge, Judge John Barton Payne (President of the American Red Cross Society), Mr. and Mrs. Pope and Col. H. J. Furber were through passengers on the "President Jefferson" which left yesterday for Manila.

The case in which an Indian is being held in police custody following telegraphic instructions from the Lahore Police, was again mentioned in the Central Magistracy this morning, when the defendant was again remanded on the application of Sgt. Elston, who informed Mr. R. E. Lindsell that the Police had not yet received further information from India.

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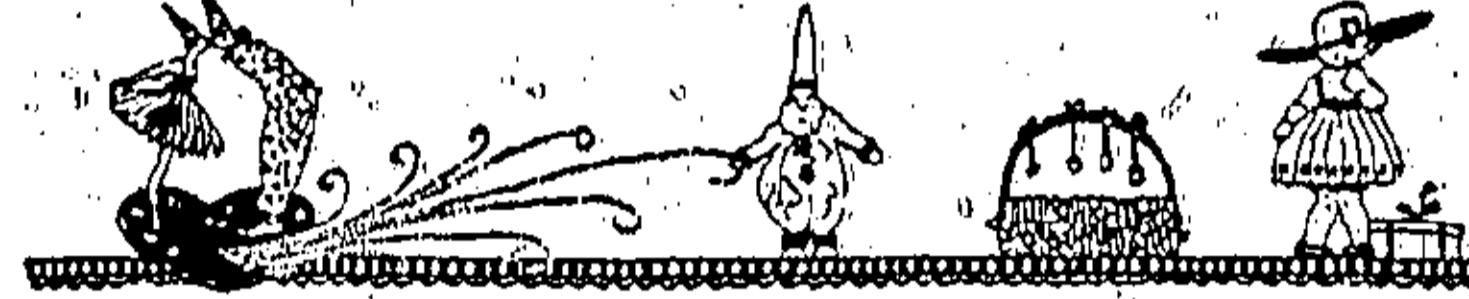
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SQUASH RACQUETS.

AMATEUR FINAL AT BATH CLUB.

HOLDER DEFEATED.

London, Dec. 22.—At Bath Club, in the final of the amateur squash racquets championships, Captain J. Tomkinson beat Captain V. Cazalot (the holder) by 9-5, 9-7, 7-9, 9-6.—Reuter, Army Squash Racquets.

London, Dec. 4.—Results of rugby union matches played to-day are as follows:—Bath 10, Plymouth 8; Blackheath 42, Mosley 5; Bristol 12, Newport 7; Gloucester 11, United Service Portsmouth 7; Guy's Hospital 3, Richmond 5; Harlequins 5, Leicester 3; London Scottish 16, Birkenhead Park 8; London Welsh 16, Alleyrians 3; Merchant Taylors 33, United Services Chatham 3; Rosslyn Park 18, Old Blues 6; Cross Keys 9, Swansea 3; Royal High School 5, Edinburgh Academicals 13; Edinburgh Institute 0, Edinburgh University 6; Glasgow University 9, Edinburgh University 16; Melrose 16, Stewartonians 6; Cardiff 15, Neath 11; Coventry 27, Rugby 8.

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VARSITY RACES.

CAMBRIDGE VISIT TO PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—It is announced that Cambridge University will be represented at



Lord Burghley, the crack hurdler and this season's President of the Light-Blues athletic club.

The Pennsylvania University relay races to be held on April 27. The Cambridge team will be captained by the hurdler Lord Burghley.—Reuter's American Service.

INTERPORT PRACTICE.

By 5 goals to 3, "Whites" beat "Colours" yesterday in the third trial match for the Interport soccer against Shanghai.

The winners started two men short and the other side only had ten men on the field at the beginning (one short).

The scorers were:—for the Whites, Linsker (Club) 3, Ip Kau (Chinese Athletic) and Howard (Club) from a penalty; for the Colours, Orr (Kowloon), Ward (St. Joseph's) and Cornwall (Police).

SIM SHIELD.

HOCKEY CLUB LOSE TO NAVY.

Hong Kong Hockey Club seriously prejudiced their chances of regaining the Sim Shield when they lost to the Royal Navy at the U.S.R.C. ground at Kowloon yesterday by 2 goals to nil.

Both sides played good hockey with slightly weakened elevens.

In the first half the Club kept their opponents out but the attack of the Royal Navy succeeded after the change of ends. Fleet (the international forward) and Ling scoring.

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The remaining fixtures are (two) Club v. Army, on successive Wednesdays beginning next week.

MAORIS RETURN TO FRANCE

Bordeaux, Dec. 5.

The Maoris, who have resumed their French tour to-day, beat a selected French rugger XV. by 13 points to 3.

CAMBRIDGE WIN.

ANNUAL LOCAL VARSITY CRICKET.

After being twice in danger of defeat, Cambridge defeated Oxford yesterday in the annual cricket match on the H.K.C.C. ground yesterday, between the Hong Kong Societies of the two Universities.

It was decided to bat 12-a-side, with 11 fielding.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax and Mr. H. R. B. Hancock (President of the H.K.C.C.) acted as umpires.

The Light Blues lost 6 wickets for 82 runs but Pendered came to their rescue with 47, and the innings closed for 133. Of the 11 wickets, Beatty took 8, all clean bowled. His deliveries swung in from the off and broke as well and he bowled very well.

When the Debacle Came.

Wood made 52 for the Dark Blues in sterling fashion, hitting hard and without giving a chance. Hamilton and Sturges were the opening bowlers for Cambridge but Pendered came on at the end and took 4 wickets for 9 runs—the Light Blues (who also won last year) thereby winning a fine match by 13 runs.

The cricket was bright and full of interesting incidents. Oxford's fielding was good for a scratch side but Cambridge dropped fewer chances.

From the scores it will be seen that the losers had got into the nineties with only 3 wickets down. Pendered came on at this stage and brought about the debacle. Scores:—

Cambridge. J. M. B. Nihill (Emmanuel). b. b. Sayer 13. Wei Wing-lok (Kings), c Evans, b Sayer 3. Lt. G. Sturges (Trinity), b Beatty 1. H. J. Wallington (Downing), b Harris 21. Lt. C. S. Abel-Smith (Trinity), b Beatty 3. E. W. Hamilton (Sidney-Sussex), b. b. Beatty 0. Lt. N. G. Garnett-Williams (G. & Caius), b Beatty 5. T. D. E. Pendered (G. & Caius), b Beatty 47. R. E. Lindsell (Kings), b Beatty 4. Lt. G. F. Renwick (Pembroke), b Beatty 2. F. H. J. Trayes (G. & Caius), not out 13. F. Syme Thomson (Clare), b Beatty 4. Extras 17.

Total 133.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W. Beatty 14. 1 37 8. Sayer 11. 0 55 2. Harris 2 0 24 1.

Fall of wickets:—1 for 17, 2 for 21, 3 for 29, 4 for 32, 5 for 32, 6 for 48, 7 for 82, 8 for 101, 9 for 109, 10 for 126, 11 for 133.

Oxford.

B. R. Foster (Queen's), b Sturges 1. A. E. Wood (Univ.), b Pendered 52. Rev. W. T. Featherstone (Wadham), c Sturges, b Hamilton 1. G. R. Saylor (Queen's), b Sturges 22. B. C. K. Hawkins (Hertford), c and b Wallington 14. The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn (Corpus), c Garnett-Williams, b Pendered 0. N. L. Smith (Queen's), c Hamilton, b Pendered 6. Lt.-Cdr. Beatty (St. Edmund's-Hall), c Sturges, b Pendered 1. E. I. Wynne-Jones (Jesus), b Hamilton 0. P. Harris (Exeter), run out 7. Rev. N. Evans (Queen's) not out 7. Rev. G. H. Hewitt (Keble), c Pendered, b Hamilton 0. Extras 16.

Total 120.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W. Beatty 9.3 2 42 3. Sturges 8 2 26 2. Wallington 3 0 27 1. Pendered 4 1 9 4.

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MARRIAGE MARKET.

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BEHIND THE SCENES.

Mystic Office of the "Shutchan."

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She had strong ideas about it. "No good, it is," she told me, decidingly, leaning her elbows on the little counter. "For what would a young man go to the 'shutchan,' unless he wants the money, and does not care what kind of a wife he gets? I ask you, for what? The good young people choose their own husbands and wives these days."

"Down the street here a young couple just went before the Beth Din to ask for a separation. When her dowry was gone he wanted that she live with his family. Also, she expected more than she got, and would not even live alone with him in a cheap, small room. So she went to her mother."

"The Chozan." "If it had not been for the 'shutchan,' they would never have come together at all, they would not."

"Here a black-eyed beauty with lustrous, shining dark hair, put her head through the door at the back of the shop to see what was going on."

"Not for me," she laughed. "Whoever marries me has got to take me for myself, and no 'shutchan,' interfering with my 'chozan'!"

"'Chozan' and 'kulah' are the Jewish words for the young man and his girl, when they are properly engaged, either by a sumptuous feast or the simple presentation of a ring."

"How do you find these agents when you want them?" I asked her mother.

"You go to the synagogue for them," she sniffed.

This, however, was denied by an official, who was found in a dimly-lit synagogue at the top of a long, narrow flight of stairs. He reproached the system.

"If they are registered brokers," he said, "they can postpone the marriage until they are paid. If not, sometimes they don't get their money. Never is there a written agreement with them."

Still, after all, there must be a demand for marriage brokers, for they exist all over the world.

City Bureau. And how else are lonely men and women, with few opportunities of meeting people, to find themselves mates?

The Luxembourg district settles its difficulties by an annual matrimonial fair, held at the little town of Arlon. Luxembourgh girls and stout farm hands throng in by the hundreds, and are brought together by a middleman who is supposed to know just how much each of his clients is "worth."

Dozens of little cafés furnish meeting-places, rings are exchanged, dancing starts up, and late at night carriage loads of happy young couples depart to their homes, to be married soon by the priest and the mayor.

Mr. Moscow, on the other hand, claimed damages against Mr. Ruben, and his daughter for breaking the engagement.

Mr. Ruben succeeded finally in getting back his £300, but the agent's fees were not mentioned in the case.

The shoemaker told me confidentially that if I would go along to the end of the street, turn to the right, and walk to the fourth house, I would find a "shutchan" who might be able to help me.

"He's not a regular, but works it in with his other business," he explained. "But he knows many people."

Here, again, I found it difficult to convince a grave, bearded man that I was not in search of his professional services, and he talked at length about the difficulties engendered by a difference of religion as he hospitably served me tea.

"The 'shutchan' is a very ancient Jewish figure," he told me. "Several hundred years ago he used to travel from city to city, arranging marriages among those of orthodox faith. In those days he interviewed only the fathers of the young men and young women, and the young people had to do as they were told, without any possible escape."

"Nowadays it is different, as they will not marry any one they do not like."

"Marriages arranged in this way usually turn out well, and they should not be made if both the young people are not of good character."

"My own father saw my mother for the first time in the synagogue, at his wedding," he said. "My uncle passed his future wife in the street after their engagement had been arranged, and she was pointed out to him. But he could not stop to speak to her. The custom forbade such a thing."

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CHINESE EMPLOYERS AND THE UNIONS.

LOCK-OUT THREATENED.

The Chinese merchants of Hankow held a meeting on Dec. 3 at which they announced that if the labour unions persist in their demands, a general lockout among all branches of Chinese owned industries will be declared. This is the first firm stand that Chinese employers have taken, and if they are sincere in their declaration there is no doubt but what speedy and satisfactory settlement of local labour problems will be effected, says the "Hankow Herald," and that "once again Hankow will become a peaceful and prosperous industrial centre instead of a continual nightmare of uncertain existence. It is safe to say that not one employer or labour, Chinese or foreign, has the slightest objection to the formation of unions by their workmen. It is also safe to say that the vast majority of employers are ready and willing to grant reasonable increases in wages to their employees. But it is entirely unreasonable to think that any employer would submit to demands which would virtually hand over control of his industry to a labour union. There is a limit to all things, and the limit to the activities of the local labour unions has already been reached. Drastic treatment is now necessary, not in order to grind labour down, but in order to permit the capital which employs labour to live. Labour must realise that it cannot crush out capital without crushing out its own existence. The first ray of light through the clouds of industrial depression comes in the resolutions of the Chinese merchants which were passed on Dec. 3, and in the formation of the new Government Labour Council.

A LECTURER'S BREAKDOWN.

An lecturer at the Judson College, Rangoon, Maung Tun Pe, M.A., M.R.A.S., is widely known and respected throughout Burma. "It was about three years ago," says Maung Tun Pe, "that strenuous literary pursuits told on my health. I lost appetite and became anaemic. Loss of sleep, and headaches reduced me to a state of exhaustion. To make matters worse I became afflicted with indigestion and the food I ate ceased to do me good. I seemed to be fading away."

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MISSING GROOM.

CHINESE WEDDING CANCELLED IN SHANGHAI.

ENIGMATIC LETTER.

The "China Press" of Nov. 26, reported:

On the eve of his wedding to Miss Anna Yulan Lan, scheduled to take place in Union Church to-day, Mr. Chang Chi-pao, Dean of the School of Commerce on Avenue Joffre and one of China's most highly esteemed educators, is mysteriously missing. His bride is on the verge of prostration and she and his friends believe he is being held for ransom, although no demand for money has been received, only a most enigmatical letter has come which says frankly that any search for him now will endanger his life. All was in readiness for the wedding which was to have been solemnised this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Elaborate preparations had been made for the nuptial feast and reception which was to have taken place at the Great Eastern Hotel at 6, and to which several score of prominent Chinese and foreign friends of the couple had been invited.

Then came the letter which struck terror into the heart of Miss Lan and her friends. It arrived yesterday afternoon and steps were immediately taken to cancel the arrangements for the wedding.

It was addressed to the bride-to-be and said in effect that her fiance was unavoidably detained, but would return in a few days. Meantime, the letter warned her, no steps were to be taken to find him, as such action would endanger his life.

While the letter seemed to begin in the handwriting of Mr. Chang, it either was written under great mental excitement or compulsion; the latter view being held by the young woman and her friends.

Miss Lan is exceedingly well known in local missionary circles, being the protege of Miss Jennie Hughes, who with Dr. Mary Stone, had made all arrangement for the wedding. What action, if any, has been taken to discover the whereabouts of the missing man, was not disclosed.

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A Chinese, Mah Chung-ting, was arrested by Constable Finnie in Shanghai on Dec. 10 when it was found that the man carried a 32 automatic pistol and seven rounds of ammunition. More ammunition was found on his person when searched.

ICHANG LOOTED.

BRITISH NAVAL GUARD LANDED.

SAFETY OF FOREIGNERS.

A British naval guard had to be landed and the foreign women and children removed to a safety compound at Ichang, when the defeated troops of General Yang Sen, the Szechuan leader, thoroughly looted the place before evacuating it to the Southerners.

According to reports received, in Shanghai, General Yang's spectacular attempt to elevate himself into the ranks of the greater war-lords ended in abject failure. Despite his pro-Cantonese declaration, the hostilities which started with the Cantonese capture of Shasi resulted in his loss of Ichang.

Reports state General Yang has fled from Ichang, going up-river to Szechuan. Many of his troops agreed to go over to the Southerners, but the others before the town was completely evacuated on Wednesday engaged in a campaign of looting. Considerable booty was taken but no foreign property was touched. There was some shooting in the place and Chinese casualties are reported.

MOVED TO SAFETY.
As a measure of safety, all the foreign women and children were removed to one of the safe blocks, and a small British naval guard was landed in order to protect them and foreign property. H.M.S. "Cockchafer" reached Ichang on Wednesday evening to reinforce H.M.S. "Cricket."

General Yang succeeded in rescuing some of the troops, who were evacuated from Ichang in French and Italian steamers and Chinese transports. Attempts to seize vessels of other nations resulted in unsuccessful resistance.

ORDER MAINTAINED.
The 29th Division of the Southern army at present occupy the left bank of the Yangtze outside Ichang. Southern representatives, accompanied by a small force as bodyguard, who had been previously officially welcomed by delegates from the Ichang Chamber of Commerce, entered Ichang on Thursday. Negotiations are proceeding with regard to the position to be held by the Northern troops who are incorporated in the Southern Army. The entire 18th and part of the 7th and 8th Divisions constitute those Northern troops which have consented to join the Southerners.

Order is being maintained in the city by a protection corps organised from among local troops.

EGG-SHELL WILL.

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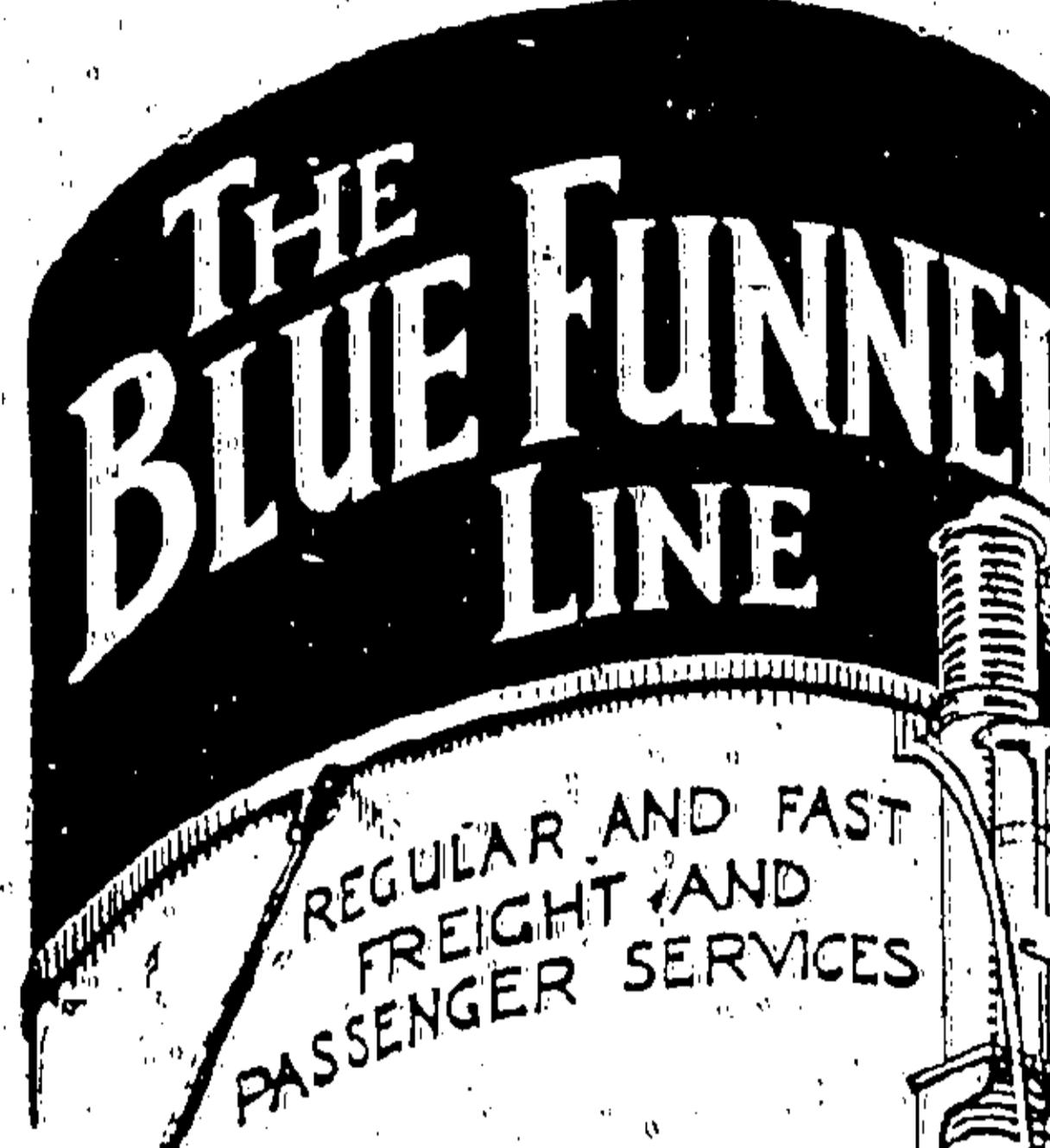
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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

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There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day on Sundays, and also one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays. Correspondence for Canton will be forwarded by train if so prescribed. Such correspondence must be posted not later than 7.30 a.m. at the General Post Office or 7.40 a.m. at Kowloon Post Office for despatch by the Express train scheduled to leave Kowloon Railway Station at 8.05 a.m. and to arrive at Canton at 12.20 p.m.

INWARD MAIRS.

FROM	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23.	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24.	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25.	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26.	MONDAY, DECEMBER 27.
Shanghai	Vinghow				
Japan	Shanghai and London via Canada (London)	Empress of Canada	Namsang	Kalyan	
Straits					
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia					
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25.	Tokyo	Shantung			
Straits					
Shanghai					
EUROPE via Suez (Letters & Papers London 26th Nov. & Parcels) (See Note)	Kalyan				
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.	Pro. Jefferson				
Manila	Empress of Canada				
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.	Pro. Lincoln				
Manila					
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28.					
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Hongkong and Wucho	Sunnyi... 4 p.m.	Sun... 4.30 p.m.		
Port Bayard				
Java via Soerabai				
Batavia, Amoy and Foochow				
Manila				
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, S.E. Africa, Egypt, & Europe via Marseilles (See Note)				
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 27.	Kalyan	6 a.m.	Rai... 6 a.m.	
Java via Soerabai				
Batavia, Amoy and Foochow				
Manila				
Wei Hoi Wei				
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Shanghai				

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LANDAU VERDICT.

Germany's Diplomatic Protest.

"A SERIOUS MENACE."

Berlin, Dec. 22. Germany is making a diplomatic protest against the Landau Judgment through Herr von Hoechst, the Ambassador at Paris, who has been instructed to point out the serious menace to friendly French and German relations and to demand a re-opening of the case.—Reuter.

French Comment.

Paris, Dec. 22. The newspapers are not perturbed by German indignation over the Landau court martial which they contend rendered the only possible verdict after a thorough sifting of the evidence smacking more of a drunken brawl than anything else.

The newspapers express the opinion that the German anger will prove a storm in a teacup. They point out that the sentences pronounced on Germans who did not face the court were heavier than on those who stood their trial.

The organs of the Left alone are dissatisfied with the trial on the ground that the verdict does not accord with the Locarno spirit.—Reuter.

Earlier Messages.

Berlin, Dec. 22. Unabated indignation at the Landau judgment is voiced in the morning's papers unanimously declaring that while German territory is occupied and such acts are committed with impunity, real Franco-German conciliation is impossible.

The "Lokal Anzeiger" says that the verdict will unite all hearts in Germany. The "Kreuz Zeitung" says that thus does Locarno look in reality. The "Tages Zeitung" says that the decision will not be forgotten when France again tries to mislead Germany with promises.

The "Allgemeine Zeitung" declares that the verdict, which acquits a murderer and sentences his victim, is a bloody mockery of justice.—Reuter.

SAFER FLYING.

AEROPLANE ON MOUNTAIN TOP.

NOTABLE BRITISH FEAT.

Rugby, Dec. 22. Mr. John Leeming, Chairman of the Lancashire Aero. Club, and Mr. Bert Hinckler, who flew in the Schneider Cup Race, landed on the top of Helvellyn in an aeroplane this afternoon, and made a safe return.

Helvellyn, which is 3,100 feet high, is in the Lake District on the border of Westmoreland and Cumberland, and is one of the highest mountains in England.

The flight was made with the object of demonstrating the safety of modern aeroplanes.—British Wireless Service.

WAR DEBTS.

FRANCE AND UNIVERSITY PROPOSALS.

Paris, Dec. 22. The "Temps," commenting on the University of California's debts manifesto, concludes that it will be long before American opinion generally realises that the United States stands to lose more than it stands to gain by the present debt policy and the time does not seem ripe for an international debt conference.—Reuter.

Earlier Messages.

Berlin, Dec. 22. The second of the three Empire air liners, designed for the Cairo-Karachi service arrived at Malta at half past twelve to-day, soon after the first liner. Both liners will leave to-morrow morning, continuing their flight to Basra.—British Wireless Service.

EMPIRE AIRWAYS.

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NEW NAVY COAT.

Washington, Dec. 16. The navy has announced approval of a new garment for the "gob" otherwise the sailor, when he goes on shore leave and promises to make it available soon.

The new garment is a raincoat of black cravatine, civilian style, to be worn over uniform when off duty, or as part of the naval uniform for watch standing and other duties aboard ship. It is intended to replace the oilskin coat now issued for temporary use and will cost \$8.

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